

The Director of Central Intelligence  
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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Board Principals

FROM: Harold P. Ford  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT: Fast Track SNIE 27.2-86 on Portugal

1. The Director of Central Intelligence has requested the preparation of a fast track SNIE on the implications of the Presidential election in Portugal. In order to make the paper of maximum use to policymakers we shall aim to present it to NFIB on Thursday, 16 January 1986. In order to make that tight deadline we shall disseminate a draft to your representatives on Monday, 13 January and have the coordination meeting at representative level on Tuesday, 14 January. Our intent is not to predict the election, but rather to assess what the presidential contest as it has developed tells us about the evolution of Portuguese politics.

2. The SNIE will be prepared under the direction of the National Intelligence Officer for Europe, George Kolt, and the drafters will be [redacted] of DDI/EURA. Please have your designated representatives pass their names and clearances to [redacted]

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